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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please substitute the claim set entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" for the previously pending claim set. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked-up set of claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

27. (Three times amended) A soluble H4-1BB protein produced by
- a) introducing an expression vector into an appropriate host cell to yield a transfected host cell, wherein the expression vector comprises a DNA molecule encoding the extracellular domain of the H4-1BB protein of [having] SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of the extracellular domain which is capable of specifically binding a cell membrane ligand for SEQ ID NO:2;
 - b) recovering the soluble protein from the host cell.

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Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, is respectfully requested. Claim 27 is amended. The amendments are made to further prosecution of the present application and are not intended to concede to the correctness of the Examiner's position or to prejudice the prosecution of the claims prior to amendment which are presented in a continuation application of the above-referenced application. Claims 5-6, 24 and 26-31 are pending.